3Rs of Explosives Safety

Safety Information for Students

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What are Munitions?

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Munitions include:

Artillery & Mortar Rounds

Grenades

Bombs

Small Arms Ammunition

What are UXO?

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What are Unexploded Ordnance?

- Munitions (ammo) that failed to function properly;
- Can be of any type;
- May just be a component of a munition (e.g., fuze or exposed

Where Might You Come Across Munitions?

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You can come across munitions anywhere such as:

- Active military installations
- Weapons and/or munitions test sites
- Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS)
- A home, as part of a souvenir collection

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WWI training site that is now in a residential development in Washington, DC.

UXO from live-fire using the same kind of weapon shown

The DANGER is Real!

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Men Ignored Warning Signs on Fort Bragg

Airman dies in an accident at White Sands

Two people injured following projectile explosion at McGregor Range

By Adriana M. Chavez / El Paso Times

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REPORTER Adriana M. Chávez

Two civilians were injured Thursday evening at Fort Bliss' McGregor Range following a projectile explosion, Fort Bliss officials said today.

Fort Bliss spokesman Maj. Joe Buccino said military police are currently investigating the incident, which took place about 6 p.m. Thursday. The civilians were transported to University Medical Center in El Paso for treatment.

Buccino declined to release the condition of the two civilians, citing medical privacy law

WEATHER VIDEO SPORTS WHAT'S ON

Gulfport man admits to taking explosives from Camp Shelby

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By Karrie Leggett-Brown, Reporter CONNECT

CAMP SHELBY, MS (WDAM) - One of the four men arrested in the investigation of stolen military grade ammunition says he has been going to Camp Shelby to collect projectiles for scrap for 25 years.

This comes after the four men from Gulfport were arrested by federal agents after finding some military grade ammunition . According to the testimony of a federal agent, the men went to Camp Shelby to obtain the explosive devices along with the man who was injured January 19th when a shell exploded.

One of the men, Jimmy Wilson showed federal agents a hole he cut in a fence at Camp Shelby to drive trucks through to pick up the rounds. According to a published source, bond was denied for Wilson and David Bangs, the evidence shows they exhibited reckless disregard for the safety of others.

Retired Lieutenant Colonel Tim Powell says with military bases being as large as thousands of acres it is hard to keep constant watch, but with ample signage there is no reason for the public to be unaware of the dangers military impact areas pose.

"We go beyond that regulatory guidance. We place more signage than is required to let them know. Plus, we have had some public campaigns to let the public know the dangers of when they find unexploded ordinance on places like the impact area and other places on Camp Shelby, or any other installation where they may be a firing range or an impact area," said Powell

When told of Wilson's statements in court, Camp Shelby officials say they were unaware of any holes in their fences.

Examples of Warning Signs

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<u>NEVER</u> enter areas with warning signs or gates.

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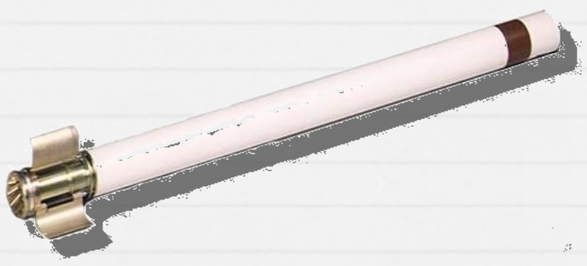
New munitions look like this:



Used munitions may lo[illegible]s:

Munitions Can be Clean, Rusty, or Dirty

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Clean

Rusty

Dirty

Munitions Have Many Shapes, Sizes, and Types

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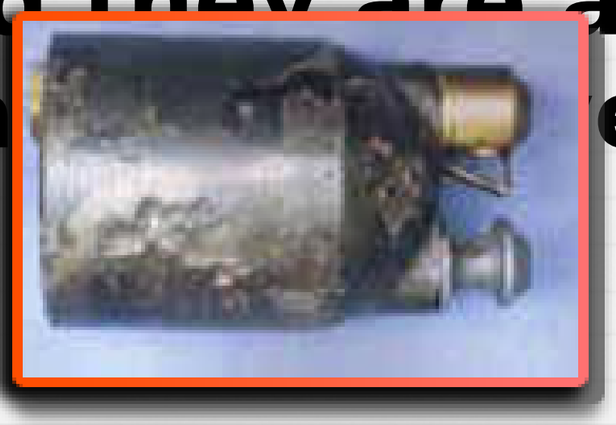
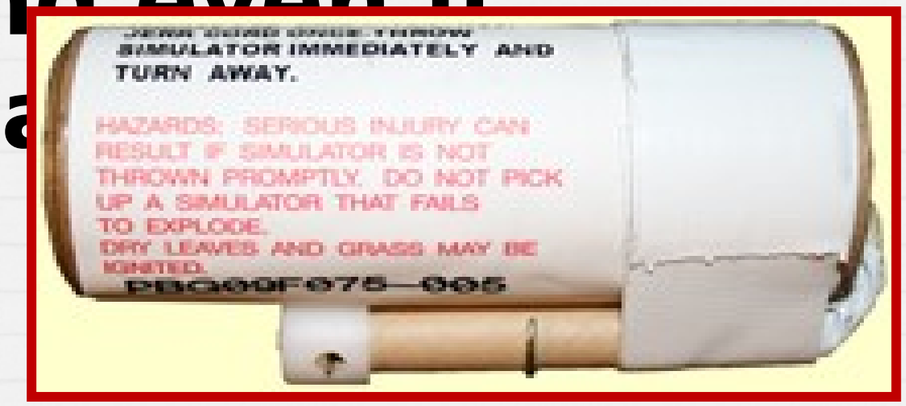
Munitions do not always look like a projectile, grenade, or bomb.

Munitions kept as souvenirs can be dangerous no matter how old they are and even if ha ea





Some Munitions are Hard to Identify

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Munitions are dangerous! Recognize when you may have seen munitions.

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If you see something that may be a munition:

- **Do not approach, touch, move, or disturb it.**
- **Carefully leave the area by the same path.**
- **Be safe, if you do not know what it is, do not touch it.**

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Once safely away from the suspect munition:

Call 911 or tell a police officer, a parent or a teacher what you saw and where you saw it.

The police will secure the area, and request trained Explosives Ordnance Disposal (EOD) personnel to remove or dispose of the suspect munitions.

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Be Safe

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- **Be safe, and help keep your family, friends, and community safe by following the 3Rs of Explosives Safety!**

- **Remember, munitions are dangerous; do not approach, touch, move, or disturb a munition or suspect munition!**

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Follow the 3Rs

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